

Woman Sought In Bank Fraud Here Arrested

Mrs. Gloria Johnson
Taken in California;
Husband Also Held

A blond hat-check girl, formerly a bookkeeper at a District bank, was en route to Washington from San Francisco today to face charges of conspiring to defraud the bank of \$9,000.

Meanwhile, her husband, who was free on bond in the bank case was apprehended in connection with the theft of cars from District parking lots.

Mrs. Gloria Hitt Johnson, 22, formerly a machine bookkeeper for the Lincoln National Bank, 318 Seventh street N.W., was arrested yesterday after a long search, the FBI announced.

Sought in Night Clubs.

She had been sought in Miami, New York and San Francisco night clubs, where she had served as a hat-check girl since her disappearance from the District, according to the FBI.

Her husband, Raymond E. Johnson, 27, of the 400 block of Buchanan street N.W., and William Korban, described by the FBI as a hotel musician, previously were released on a bond of \$2,500 each on the bank charge and are scheduled to appear before United States Commissioner Needham C. Turnage next Tuesday.

While Mrs. Johnson was undergoing questioning by the FBI in San Francisco, other agents, Prince Georges County and District police yesterday arrested her husband in Hyattsville on charges of violating the Motor Vehicle Theft Act by transporting stolen cars over a State line.

Car Thefts Disclosed.

Fred Hallford, special agent in charge of the Baltimore FBI office, said Johnson and Godwin C. Nottingham, 28, of 7003 Allison street, Landover Hills, Md., who also was arrested, had taken expensive cars from District parking lots. The cars were repainted, parts changed and fictitious bills of sale executed in Massachusetts, the FBI said.

The FBI said Mrs. Johnson, while a bookkeeper at the bank, had made available to her husband after working hours certain signature and ledger cards of bank deposits.

Korban, the FBI declared, opened an account at the bank and Johnson deposited a forged check for \$9,000.

The forgery was detected by a bank teller who checked the signature when the check was presented.

Mrs. Locke Pleads Innocent At Vice Raid Arraignments

Mrs. Margaret Locke, 57, who was arrested on July 13 in a raid on a place advertised as a massage parlor in the 1700 block of Pennsylvania avenue N.W., pleaded not guilty today to charges of procuring and of accepting money from women engaged in prostitution.

Police said the place was operated as a disorderly house.

Mrs. Locke was arraigned before District Court Justice Henry A. Schweinhaut and bond of \$2,000 was continued. No trial date was set.

Mrs. Locke was to appear this afternoon before Municipal Court Judge Aubrey Fennell with four other women arrested in the raid, for hearing on a vagrancy charge.

The other defendants are Carmen Beach, 28, who also was indicted on a charge of procuring; Judy Hunt, 27; Mary Karika, 24, and Deloris Nietro, 24.

All the women are free under \$500 bond each in the vagrancy cases.

19,000 Veterans, Wives Employed by U. S. in July

By the Associated Press.

More than 19,000 veterans and wives and widows of veterans were placed in Federal employment during July, the Civil Service Commission announced today.

This was an increase of more than 3,000 over the number placed in June.

Veterans' placements during the first seven months of the year totaled 141,553, of which 97 per cent were for Federal field establishments outside the District of Columbia. The total included 2,119 wives and widows of veterans of this war and 845 wives and widows of World War veterans.

Since July 1, 1943, a total of 9,150 physically injured veterans have been placed in Federal jobs. Since July 1, 1944, a total of 21,351 veterans have been restored to Federal positions.

Mrs. Walter Anderson To Christen Submarine

Mrs. Walter S. Anderson, 2301 Connecticut avenue N.W., will christen the submarine "Turbot," which will be launched at Philadelphia Sunday.

Mrs. Anderson is the wife of Rear Admiral Anderson, president of the Board of Inspection and Survey in the Navy Department.

The "Turbot" is named after a large European flatfish.

Daily Rationing Reminders

Meats, Fats, Etc.—Book 4, stamps G-2 through U-2 good through August 31. Stamps V-2 through Z-2 good through September 30. Stamps A-1 through E-1 good through October 31. Stamps F-1 through K-1 good through November 30.

Points for Fats—Your meat dealer will pay two red ration points for each pound of waste kitchen fats you turn in.

Sugar—Stamp No. 38 valid for 5 pounds through August 31. Next stamp valid September 1.

Shoes—Airplane stamps, 1, 2, 3 and 4 in Book No. 3 good indefinitely for one pair of shoes each.



HELD ON BANK CHARGE—Mrs. Gloria Hitt Johnson, 22, former bookkeeper in a District bank, shown after her arrest in San Francisco, where she was a hat check girl, on charges of conspiring to defraud the bank of \$9,000. Her husband was arrested yesterday on automobile theft charges in Hyattsville. —AP Photo.

Victory Day Plan Recalls U. S. Greeting to Heroes of Past Wars

By CARTER BROOKE JONES.

Washington—and with it the Nation—never has failed to celebrate the close of a war, the victories of American arms. For there always has been reason to celebrate—this country has never lost a war.

Those who already are beginning to think about a national Victory Day celebration to commemorate the triumphant ending of this greatest of all wars have pointed for precedents far into the Capital's past, to the grand review held after the Civil War. They have gone into more recent history to recall the parade which Gen. Pershing led up Pennsylvania avenue 10 months after the armistice of November 11, 1918.

Those were America's two greatest previous conflicts since the republic was born in the travail of the Revolutionary War. But the Capital did not neglect the gallant men who fought the Spanish-American War, the brief, less devastating struggle, the Spanish-American War.

Two Celebrations.

There were, in fact, two big celebrations in Washington after Spain was defeated. There was the National Peace Jubilee, which opened May 23, 1899, and lasted three days, and there was the national reception which the Capital gave Admiral George Dewey, the outstanding hero of that day, when he returned to this country in October of that year.

The National Peace Jubilee was largely an outpouring of the civic spirit of Washington citizens. They raised the money and got up the affair, with the approbation and help of the legislative and executive branches of the Federal Government.

The bright sun rising from the cloudless sky reports The Star of May 23, 1899, "ushered in this morning the opening day of the National Peace Jubilee, and as it slipped above the horizon there was a peal of chiming bells and a sullen roar of cannon as the guns of the Dolphin fired the national salute announcing the celebration of the Jubilee."

Two New Polio Cases Reported; Iron Lung Shortage Minimized

Two new cases of infantile paralysis in the Washington area were reported today by the Health Department. An 8-year-old boy, stricken at Wood Acres, Md., was admitted to Children's Hospital and a 24-year-old girl living in Beverly Park, Alexandria, was being treated at Gallinger Hospital.

Despite a shortage of iron lungs in hospitals treating polio patients here, the situation is not serious, and any emergency can be handled, Health Department officials said.

All the respirators at both Children's and Gallinger Hospitals are in use now, but Gallinger officials yesterday obtained a "spare" lung from Providence Hospital. Dr. Alvin R. Sweeney, Gallinger superintendent, pointed out that in the past respirators at both hospitals have been borrowed if an emergency arose, he said.

New Lung Ordered.

However, in order to insure an adequate supply of the respirators, another has been ordered by the local chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, and should be sent to Gallinger within about three weeks.

Five persons have died from the disease in the District so far this year, and 110 persons have been hospitalized in the District since January 1. Of these, 61 were cases of District residents, and 49 were nonresidents, mostly from nearby areas.

Fort Belvoir (Va.) public relations said today that Sgt. Warren H. Schroeder, 24, whose death from infantile paralysis at Walter Reed Hospital Sunday was announced yesterday, was not stationed at Fort Belvoir as was first reported.

Stationed at War College.

The soldier worked at the Army War College and when stricken was sent to the Fort Belvoir regional hospital, it was explained. When the critical nature of his illness was discovered, he was transferred to Walter Reed Sunday.

His was the fifth death in the District of Columbia area.

Richmond hospitals also reported a shortage of iron lungs, but said an additional respirator had been borrowed from Roanoke for any possible emergency. Five new cases of the disease were reported yesterday in Virginia, four from the Richmond area.

Parents Protest Plan to Close Nursing Centers

Committee Is Formed
To Press Program
For Continuance

Protests against discontinuance of Washington nursery schools and school-age centers will be lodged with the Board of Education and District Commissioners, it was indicated today, after organization last night of a Parents' Committee for Child Care Centers.

Seventeen mothers and a father met at the home of Mrs. Della C. Kessler, 2013 New Hampshire avenue N.W., a War Production Board statistician whose husband is in the armed forces overseas.

Chosen to head the committee was Mrs. Clyde Hunt, 129 Carroll street S.E., a librarian at the Library of Congress. A second meeting will be held tomorrow night at the home of Mrs. Dorothy Thompson, 238 Eleventh street S.E., which is planned to have representation of parents with children in each of the white nursery schools and school age centers, it was said.

The organization plans to obtain information for the Board of Education on number of fathers of enrolled children in the armed services and how many mothers expect to continue employment.

The committee also took steps to co-operate with any protest which may be filed by representatives with children in colored nurseries, Mrs. Kessler said.

Gardner Lauds Teamwork In Speeding Reconversion

O. Max Gardner, chairman of the War Mobilization and Reconversion Advisory Board, declared today "there has been a remarkable degree of co-ordination and teamwork among all agencies in putting reversion plans into effect."

Mr. Gardner's statement, issued through the White House, followed a two-day meeting at which Reconversion Director Snyder and members of his staff laid the Government's reconversion plans before the board, which is composed of representatives of labor, agriculture, business and the public.

Mr. Gardner, former Governor of North Carolina, said that though the end of the war came suddenly, it is quite evident that it did not catch anyone unprepared.

He said the whole, for Government, but also for business, labor and agriculture.

The chairman expressed the opinion "it is a good thing to face frankly the fact of probable unemployment."

He said the fact that this should not be cause for discouragement.

2 Held for Grand Jury On Gambling Charges

Two men brought before United States Commissioner Needham C. Turnage yesterday on gambling charges were held for action of the grand jury under \$1,500 bond. Both pleaded not guilty.

Edward C. Fox, colored, 45, of the 2500 block of Ontario road N.W., was charged with operating a lottery and possessing numbers slips following his arrest Monday in a car in the 1400 block of W street N.W. by the police anti-gambling squad. Describing Fox as one of the "largest pick-up men in Washington," police said they found 12 packages of numbers slips and \$241.38 in cash in his car.

Richard Remer, 43, of the 5100 block of Seventh street N.W., who was arrested August 10 in a coffee shop in the 700 block of Ninth street N.W., also was charged with operating a lottery and possession of numbers slips.

District Information Center Busy With Aid Requests

Need for immediate expansion of the District Information Center for Veterans was stressed by District officials today as they ordered the Volunteer Office Division of the Council of Social Agencies, which occupies half of the center at 1350 Pennsylvania avenue N.W., to vacate their quarters as soon as possible.

With the end of the war, veterans have swamped the Center seeking advice and information. Maj. Ennals Wagman, director of the center, said today.

Yesterday, applicants seeking information numbered over 70. This figure formerly was considered high for an entire week.

At the same time, the center received three requests for aid from disabled veterans trained at American University to the short-handed staff.

The District government has offered the volunteer office, which recruits workers for hospital aides and other civic activities, quarters at 480 Indiana avenue N.W.

Dog Discovers Defective Heater, Rouses Family

Come now Dr. I. Phillips Frohman who, being "fed up" on all those stories about rabid dogs, wishes to plod in another half hour, wishes to plod in another half hour, wishes to plod in another half hour.

Along about 3 a.m. yesterday the household at 2924 Nichols avenue S.E. was sleeping soundly—that is, all but Phus, who was up and snoring.

A thumping noise from the basement disturbed the 80-pound pet. Unaccustomed to barking, he set up a howl that awakened Dr. and Mrs. Frohman on the second floor, and they, too, heard the thumping.

Cautioning, they proceeded to the basement. Instead of an intruder, they found a red-hot water heater, smoke and fumes. The automatic valve cutting off the heater had failed to function and for five hours the water had boiled.

"Phus was none too early," Dr. Frohman said. "The man who fixed the burner said it might have exploded in another half hour, and likely would have blown a hole in the ceiling and possibly injured us."

1,000 Women To Be Dropped By Navy Yard

September 7 Layoffs
Are First of Series
To Cut Force 9,100

Beginning a gradual series of layoffs which probably will affect 9,100 employees within a year or less, Navy Yard officials yesterday notified 1,000 unskilled woman workers their jobs would terminate after Friday, September 7.

Previously, 210 persons, 10 per cent of them women, had quit their jobs after the Japanese surrender. As a result of both voluntary separations and the layoffs, the yard's working force has been reduced to 18,100.

All employees involved in yesterday's layoffs were listed as unskilled ordnance workers and ordnance operatives, a spokesman said. He added that present and future layoffs are based on reduced need for guns as the result of a slash in shipbuilding ordered since Japan quit fighting.

Some May Get Office Jobs.

A total of 4,802 women were employed in the Navy Yard until the layoffs of these 2,277 were shop employees and 2,525 office workers. Vacancies in office jobs may absorb some of the displaced women in the present layoffs, the spokesman said.

The yard's peacetime employment stood at 7,000 in 1939, it was said, and it is expected the new peacetime level will reach approximately 10,000 in view of the likelihood a larger Navy will be retained.

One factor which may slow up separations, the Navy Yard official said, will be the 40-hour week, which started in some units this week and which will be in effect throughout the establishment by September 15.

Laid-off Workers Sought.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for the Briggs Clarifier Co., which laid off 515 persons last week, said that approximately 60 District and other employers had requested that laid-off workers be referred to them.

Chase Donaldson, company president, said the firm plans a follow-up on all dismissed employees to offer further aid to them in obtaining job placement. The United States Employment Service said that 234 job referrals had been obtained employment.

Body of Missing Baker Recovered From River

The body of Roney Parker, 34, of 1111 King street, Alexandria, baker for the Fairfax Bakery who had been missing from his home since last Sunday, was recovered yesterday from the Potomac River, 300 yards from the Smeot Sand & Gravel plant in Alexandria, harbor police reported today.

Mr. Parker, who married a week ago, left Sunday to see about a job in Washington, his wife, Vietta, 32, told Alexandria police.

The body was found by Emmitt Posey and Joseph Mazingo, employees of the Smeot company, and was identified by Thomas Sawyer, Fairfaxhaven, Mrs. Parker's brother. An inquest was scheduled today.

End to Civil Service Asked For 'Trainees' at Gallinger

The Commissioners today ordered Corporation Council Richmond B. Keech to draft proposed legislation removing Gallinger Hospital resident physicians, interns and student nurses from civil service status and to place them back on "trainee" standing.

The action was taken on the recommendation of Dr. Alvin R. Sweeney, Gallinger superintendent, who said they were not "regular employees, but actually trainees in the process of completing their education."

Hospital officials feel that the 40-hour Federal week should not apply to these employees, most of whom often work long and irregular hours. Mr. Keech has not indicated whether he favors the proposed legislation.

D. C. Traffic Up 20 Pct. In First Week of Peace

District traffic volume increased 20 per cent in the first week of peace, it was reported today by Inspector Arthur E. Miller, head of the police traffic division. During that period the daily average of traffic accidents rose from 10 to 13, or more than 25 per cent, Mr. Miller said.

Inspector Miller said the traffic division believed fast driving on worn-out tires would prove to be the chief cause for a growing post-war accident rate. He added that rural regions probably would suffer more than urban areas, owing to their less stringent speed regulations.

Man Held for Grand Jury In Stolen Tire Case

Ray De Witt Rhodes, 32, of the 201 block of Seventeenth street N.E., was held for grand jury action when he appeared before Municipal Court Judge Armond Scott yesterday on a charge of receiving 17 tires allegedly stolen from the Cliffters' Service Station, 1400 block of U street N.W.

Four men previously had been held for the grand jury on grand larceny charges growing out of the alleged theft of 35 tires from the station and a fifth was turned over to military authorities.



WHO'S MAD ABOUT WHAT?—Three-year-old Gilbert Shoemaker doesn't seem concerned over the court battle in which his mother, Mrs. George W. Shoemaker, is attempting to win him back from the custody of Mrs. Joseph J. Kay, 3926 Ninth street N.E. The picture was made at Mrs. Kay's home. —Star Staff Photo.

District Man Is First Out of Coast Guard Under Point System

The first man to be released from the Coast Guard under the newly announced point system for that branch of the service is Harry C. Holmes, 2600 Twenty-eighth street N.E., who received his discharge at Philadelphia yesterday.

According to the Coast Guard, the veteran of 38 months' service, who was assigned to the Coast Guard separation center in Philadelphia.

Mr. Holmes is married and is the father of three boys, aged 7, 4 and 2. He received the discharge at the Coast Guard separation center in Philadelphia.

Court Fight Resumes In Effort to Retain Custody of Youth, 3

A court battle for 3-year-old Gilbert Shoemaker, which began Monday between his mother, Mrs. George W. Shoemaker, 3127 Central avenue N.E., and Mrs. Joseph J. Kay, 3926 Ninth street N.E., was to resume today in District Court.

Mrs. Kay and her husband, who have had Gilbert with them since shortly after his birth, want to keep him permanently. The mother, Mrs. Shoemaker, is seeking to get the boy back through a habeas corpus proceeding against Mrs. Kay.

Husband Testifies.

Yesterday Mr. Kay, who was the first witness placed on the stand in behalf of his wife, testified that when they took the boy to their home in 1942 they were under the impression they were to keep him permanently.

The boy's mother, Mrs. Shoemaker, testified earlier at the hearing she never intended to let Mrs. Kay keep the child permanently, and stated she had left him with Mrs. Kay because she had to go to a sanitarium. Mrs. Shoemaker said, however, she recovered her health and that in April of this year Gilbert was taken to the home of his parents.

Covers 10 Months. Under new point system, the Coast Guard has begun a discharge program which is expected to return the service to a peace-time basis within 10 months, reducing the number of officers and enlisted personnel from the present 172,384 to 34,900.

Based on the Navy's point system, the plans call for a return of coast guardsmen and SPARS to civilian life at the rate of 13,800 a month, and demobilization plan is the establishment of intake and separation centers which "rips away" delaying red tape and deletes duplication.

While 44 points are required for an enlisted man's discharge, 49 are required for an officer. SPAR enlisted personnel need 29 points for discharge, and officers 35 points.

Only exceptions to the point system are certain specialized personnel whose duties are considered essential to the demobilization program or who must be retained because of technical skills.

Lt. Comdr. McCain Named Head of Montana State U.

Lt. Comdr. James A. McCain's personal postwar employment problem was settled today with the announcement that he will become president of Montana State University after his release from the Navy this fall.

At 37, Comdr. McCain, who lives at 5733 Washington boulevard, Arlington, Va., will be the youngest head of any Montana educational institution. For the past three years he has directed the enlisted classification program of the Navy Bureau of Personnel.

He will succeed Dr. E. O. Melby, who resigned effective September 1. A native of South Carolina who never has been in Montana, the new president obtained his bachelor of arts degree from Wofford College in 1926 and his master of arts degree from Duke University in 1929.

'Lion' and 'Tiger' Fined For Obstructing Police

Two defendants whose names mean "lion" and "tiger" in Portuguese landed in Municipal Court yesterday on charges of obstructing a sidewalk while an officer of the law was arresting a soldier.

The two, Antonio Bastos Tigre, 51, of 1736 Q street N.W., and Albert Corneio Leao, 56, of 1015 N street N.W., were arrested August 15 while they were crowding about Officer L. E. Edmonson of the First Precinct, when he and his partner had a soldier at a call box at Ninth and E streets N.W., according to police. The officer related that a crowd gathered and that the two men with the fierce names refused to follow orders and "move on."

Judge Aubrey Fennell fined them \$5 each, but suspended the sentence.

Army Radio in England Promotes WMAL Man

Sgt. Keith Jameson, former WMAL announcer in Washington, has been named chief announcer for the American Forces network in the United Kingdom, Capt. Jack London, chief of operations for the network, announced in London today.

Sgt. Jameson was assigned to the American Forces network—branch of the Armed Forces Radio Service—in August, 1943. He gives daily newscasts and has been master of ceremonies on the General Forces program, a popular variety show beamed to Allied troops in China, Burma and India.

Experts Begin Research On Killing of Rockfish

By the Associated Press.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Aug. 22.—Dr. R. V. T. Smith, director of the University of Maryland research and education department and biologist of the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory, and Dr. Ralph Hammer of the Maryland State Department of Research Education, were on the Maryland Eastern Shore today investigating the mysterious deaths of "tons of rockfish."

Meanwhile, the Maryland Tide-water Fisheries Commission is carrying on its own investigation. Commission officials have named several theories advanced as to the cause of the fish deaths.

David Walling, commission administrative assistant, said some believe that acids in waste from industrial plants may be the cause while others have said that tests of mines at the Navy station at Solomons Island on the Patuxent River and concussion of bombs at the Aberdeen Proving Ground may be the cause.

Physically Handicapped To Hear Schwellenbach

Labor Secretary Lewis B. Schwellenbach will be the key speaker at a mass meeting of the American Federation of the Physically Handicapped at 8 p.m., August 30, in the auditorium of the National Press Club.

High Government officials, including Senators and members of the House, are expected to attend, Paul A. Strachan, president of the federation, said.

To Seek Better Butter

RICHMOND, Va., Aug. 22 (AP).—Because of seizure and condemnation of a quantity of butter and cream from Virginia by the Federal Food and Drug Administration, buttermilk manufacturers from the northern part of the State and from Maryland will meet in Winchester at 11 a.m. Friday for the purpose of formulating a program working toward improvement of the quality of cream offered for butter making.